



BOARD TO DISCUSS CONTROL OF LAKE FISH REGULATIONS.

Control of commercial fishing operations on the Great Lakes, uniform regulations, and causes of depletion of fish supplies are to be discussed during public hearings announced for this month by an international board of inquiry for the Great Lakes fisheries.

Established February 28, 1940, by an exchange of notes between the United States and Canada, to study the taking of fish and to submit recommendations for the preservation and development of the Great Lakes fisheries, the board of inquiry will hold hearings in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., council chambers October 17; in the Marquette court house October 18; the Port William, Ont., council chambers October 21, and the Milwaukee postoffice October 24. Time of all hearings is 1:30 p. m.

In order to ascertain their views concerning questions of an international or interstate nature, the board will welcome attendance of commercial fishermen, representatives of fishermen's associations, sportsmen, conservationists, and other interested persons. Other hearings are to be announced later.

Dr. John Van Oosten of Ann Arbor, representing the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States department of the interior, is the Michigan member of the board. Fred A. Westerman, chief of the fish division, department of conservation, will attend some of the hearings.

EXPERIMENT WITH DEER-PROOF ELECTRIC FENCES

Fences can be constructed which will keep deer out of farmers' fields.

This fact demonstrated, game men of the conservation department expect to find out next month, how cheaply such a fence can be built.

Experiments now being conducted on the longport farm north of Curran were begun a year ago. During the progress of the experiments, game men discarded electrified fencing as impractical. It has been found that 90-inch woven wire fence is efficient, while a lower fence with an overhang on the outside may be practical. For a two-inch fence is too low. During October, experiments will be conducted with fence of varying heights, between 42 and 72 inches, with an overhang, to determine the cheapest fence which will do the job.

Crop damage caused by deer in northern counties has apparently been less during the last summer than in previous seasons. Above-normal rainfall has resulted in an ample supply of natural food. Now, however, forest green stumps are going and deer are invading farmers' fields in larger numbers. I. H. Bartlett, in charge of the department's fencing experiments, recently counted 47 deer in a 15-acre field of alfalfa.

In connection with fencing experiments, game men are continuing their efforts to discover a kind of bait which will lure deer into traps during seasons of the

year when there is plenty of food. Deer can be trapped easily when they are hungry. A combination of oats, cracked grain and molasses apparently attracts most deer during summer and early fall months. Rye planted last fall on experimental buffer strips which are intended to distract the attention of deer from farmers' fields is attracting many of the animals.

PET DEER REFUSES TO BE EXILED FROM REFUGE

Tourists surprised in the vicinity of the Ogemaw state game refuge by a deer that comes in to the car to be petted are missing the acquaintance of Jennie, a three-year-old doe whose badge of identification is a large lump on her right hind leg. Just above the heel.

Once Jennie was the special pet of the Kelly King farm eight miles north of Oscoda, where, to the delight of tourists, she remained, though free to come and go. Her habit of "kissing" neighborhood gardeners, eating the tops of young fruit trees brought complaints and plans for her exile, but on the day she was to be trapped a passing car ran her down.

At Inoco state game refuge headquarters, game area manager George Ebert and townsmen Ronald G. Aulsebrook and Tommie Hiller lower had no sooner set the broken leg and bound it with splints than Jennie bounded off into a swamp. Timber cutters found her two weeks later, too weak to be removed.

But in another week Jennie was back at the King farm, and after a week of grace allowed her thurs she was captured, crated and shipped to the Ogemaw refuge headquarters some 70 miles distant from the gardens she liked too well. At Ogemaw she escaped again, and now roams the area near the headquarters, occasionally coming out on the roads for a friendly, close inspection of tourists' cars.

OIL STRIKES ARE REPORTED IN SCATTERED SITES

Indications that the producing end of Michigan's oil and gas industry may have worked itself out of the doldrums of past months is seen in a number of recent strikes in widely scattered sections of the state.

A shallow well in Niles township, north of Niles in Berrien county, brought in at 530 feet in the Traverse formation, is producing 50 barrels a day of heavy, black crude similar to that tapped in a more recent strike southeast of Edwardsburg in Cass county, just north of the Indiana line, where operators hit oil in the Traverse formation at 675 feet. The Cass county well also is producing 50 barrels daily according to records of the oil section of the conservation department's geological survey division.

Recently a "wildcat" well in Huron county, between Bad Axe and Port Hope, was brought in at 1,427 feet as the first wildcat producer in the Traverse formation of record in that county, flowing at the

rate of seven barrels an hour at the start. Several wells with completed production of approximately 500 barrels daily also have been brought in north and northwest of the old Overisel field in Allegan county, in the Traverse formation at about 1,500 feet.

Indications that a new gas field may be developing in the northern section of the lower peninsula are supported by scattered developments in Winterfield township in Clare county, Riverside township in Missaukee county and Warion township in Emmet county, where wells producing from seven to 17 1/2 million cubic feet of gas daily have been brought in within the last month.

SIGNS TO MARK HUNTING ZONE BOUNDARY LINE

Three hundred temporary signs posted by conservation officers at points where state highways, county and township roads cross the north line of township 15 north will caution hunters and trappers to knowing where zone 2 regulations and zone 3 regulations begin. Hunting and trapping zone 1 is the upper peninsula.

"Township 15 north" is the north boundary of Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella and Midland counties, and extends through Bay county. In lower Michigan south of this line the hare and rabbit season ends December 31, but north of this line it runs a month longer. Muskrat and mink trapping season is November 15-December 15 in zone 2, December 1-31 in most of zone 3. Raccoon trapping is permitted November 15-December 15 above the line, December 1-15 below it.

Fox hunting small game in zone 3, which includes all of the Thumb northwards pay a \$15 license fee, while farther north the fee is \$5.

Prairie chicken and sharp-shooting in, lower Michigan is available as far south as the north line of township 12 north, which is the south boundary of Oceana, Mecosta, Isabella and Midland counties, and the line extended through Newaygo, Saginaw, Bay, Tuscola and Sanilac counties.

Carelessness With Gun Is Act of Negligence

To climb a fence with a gun in one's hand is an act of negligence, and the person guilty of such an act is answerable in damages for accidents occurring at such a time, a Pennsylvania judge has ruled, in awarding \$150 judgment for a hunting dog so shot. Says the judge: "Every person who assumes to handle a gun in the vicinity of other persons or of animals is chargeable with the knowledge of at least the elementary precautions to be observed. . . . The rule formulated by sportsmen and rooted in common sense is that the gun must first be put through the fence and laid on the ground before any climbing is done."

Plan Road Linking Two Tahquamenon Falls

Completion of three miles of roadway linking the upper Tahquamenon Falls in Luce county with the lower falls in Chippewa county will make the upper falls, famed northern peninsula beauty spot, accessible to motorists. Survey of the route, through densely wooded country, is in charge of Gregory Shulko, engineer of the parks division of the conservation department.

Enrollees of CCC Camp Paradise will build the road, preliminary work of clearing and grading to begin next winter. The new route will connect with the road from Paradise to the little Tahquamenon fall. The wild aspect of the country the road is to traverse will be left as little disturbed as possible.

Hunters Warned Against Shooting From Highway

Besides being highly dangerous, "road hunting" involves trespass and therefore is illegal, men hunting in lower Michigan are warned by the conservation department. Also, hunters eager to shoot at pheasants along the roadside they see while driving are reminded that laws specifically prohibit the carrying of loaded guns in automobiles, and the shooting of game from an automobile. And according to an attorney general's opinion, the only right the public has on the highway is the easement to pass over.

Under the Horton trespass law, which is enforced by local peace officers, hunters may not go upon farmland or enclosed hunting club lands without the consent of the owner or lessee.

CCC enrollees of Camp Kalkaska have passed the half-million mark in their tree planting program. The boys are now planting east of the Manistee river, on the old DeWard timber tract.

RURAL HOMES NOW BETTER EQUIPPED FOR ELECTRICITY

More light is possible in many rural homes with the rapid growth of rural electric lines. Where new power is lighting farm homes, most of the users are installing modern fixtures. But in homes where electricity has been available for some time many farm families can remodel their existing lighting system without much expense to get the better light with less glare, say home economics extension specialists on the Michigan State College staff.

Lighting experts now recommend more light and better distributed light in homes. It is better for the eyes, they say, if all light in a room is well diffused, with a minimum of glare, and with no sharp contrast between lighted objects and their background.

Possible improvements might include more convenience outlets and switches, more properly designed portable lamps, the shading of bare bulbs and more powerful light bulbs.

Double or triple convenience outlets in the living room increase the number of table, or floor lamps the family can use for such close seeing, activities as reading, studying, writing, or sewing. Similarly, extra outlets in bedrooms make it possible to have bureau and bedside lights and a "reading in bed" light.

Ceiling fixtures, in which bare bulbs are used, may be converted into fixtures giving diffused light by covering the bulbs with individual shades or by using a diffusing bowl of translucent glass or plastic. For indirect lighting the metal bowl may be used.

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Fires Add Nine Acres To Season's Loss

Forest fires in the first week of hunting season added only nine acres to the season's loss of forest cover and extended to two months the period in which the weekly loss has not exceeded 15 acres. Mindful, however, of how the season's loss was more than doubled by hunting season fires late in 1938, conservation officers are urging all persons entering the north woods country to be as careful with fire there as in their own homes.

GAME AREA LANDSCAPED
Landscaping the Cusino game area headquarters, a job that has kept 30 CCC enrollees busy since June 1, has involved moving 5,000 cubic yards of sand fill, topsoil, lime, fertilizer, flagstone and sod, besides tree trimming and shrub transplanting. The rustic style headquarters buildings, visited by thousands each summer, have an informal setting.

HERON RETURNS TO CRIME AND LOSSES LIFE

Two weeks after a great blue heron trapped in one of the ponds of Bear Creek state trout rearing station made off with the trap by breaking the chain, it came back for another feed of trout fingerling. This time station attendant L. E. Akerman shot the bird, not his trap back.

Contrary to the common notion, about three-fourths of the total value of Michigan's fur crop is produced by the better agricultural areas of the southern half of the lower peninsula.

Toolmakers Wanted in Defense Program

To meet the great demand for toolmakers for the National Defense Program, the United States Civil Service Commission urges qualified persons to apply for this position. Immediate appointments are to be made at ordnance and naval establishments in Philadelphia, Pa.; Boston, Springfield, and Watervliet, N. Y.; and Washington, D. C. Approximately 500 appointments will be made in the Frankford Arsenal alone. The pay scales vary according to the place of employment,

ranging from \$6.24 a day to \$11.7 an hour.

Applicants must have completed a 4-year apprenticeship as toolmaker, or must have had 4 years of practical experience in the trade. They must be able to read blue prints and must be experienced in the use of precision gauges, measuring instruments, etc.

Carl J. Rudine, architectural engineer of the parks division, Michigan department of conservation, has been elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects.

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